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EDITORIALS

This is the first opportunity the members of Company 1421 stationed on the Myakka River Valley State Park have had to express their thanks to the people of Sarasota for the way they have received us.

We find the people genreous and broadminded in their cooperation with the camp The boys on the other hand wish to offer their cooperation in any manner in which t they might help.

We hope that we might be as much help to Sarasota as Sarasota is to us. All our outside activity is found in Sarasota. We have always found a "Welcome" sign and we hope it will always remain so.

Once again we wish to Thank the people of Sarasota for their generousness and kindness.

The members of Co. 1421 have moved in their new barracks.

We are glad to have them and want to have them and want to thank those who have made it possible and with such rapidity.

Now that we have them it is up to us to keep them in first class condition. It seems that all ready there is some argument as to which is the best kept barrack. We hope they are all the best.

The condition of the barrack will always mean a lot to the camp and we hope th are ready at any time for inspection and visitors.

This week being fire prevention week it is a good opportunity to remind everyon to be careful with cigarettes. Stamp out all sparks as many a blaze causing heavy damage can start from a small beginning.

It is part of the work of the camp to fight fires as well as prevent them and their cooperation is always available.

NEW CAMP

Everything is finally becoming cleaned up around camp now. This camp is better situated than was the one at Penny Farms. With the erection of the new buildings and the recreation hall everything will settle down. The barracks proved to be a lot better than the tents. Last Friday night which was the coldest since we arrived here.

The recreation hall will soon be completed and will be the scene at several dances. One will probably be held shortly before Christmas.

This camp is also relatibely nearer the homes of the majority of the boys and many leave over the week ends.

Then there are all varieties of f fishing in the waters around camp. Salt water as well as fresh. Anyone who cares to hunt could find no better place There all kinds of game to be had for just the taking and the purchase of a license.

If we really buckle down we can win first ranking for t e camp in the next district inspection.

CAMP CHATTER

Who was the boy who invited his girl to church and then when she wanted to go to the show, left her.

The editor seems to like Sarasota though he has to buy quite a lot of ink.

Who is the girl in Sarasota who told King Kong he sure could kiss. She must have been old enough to know.

How many at the boys are going to get married in Sarasota. We hear rumors about two of the boys. We want give their names but their initials are N.B. (B) Smith and C.(F) P.

Who was the boy whom several girls picked up on their way to Tampa. What mad them slap him and drop him just beyond Bradenton.

We wonder what attraction do the boys find at a certain coffee shoppe in Ybor City.

The postal revenues will problay sho an increase at the end of the year. Bennie is becoming horarse calling out the mail f from Minorcan Town.

Why are all the boys giving up smoking Christmas must be coming along.

FLASH !! ! FLASH! ! !
It is generally reported that we will have a new Mrs. Top Kick soon.

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Some of the boys think that Bennie can take it after putting up barracks.

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TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT CAMP

On the arrival at Bee Ridge the second of November, ost of the boys were considerably disappointed by the sight of the camp. After getting used to the camp at Fenny Farms it was quite a shock. Luggage was piled everywhere and during the first few nights the tents were considerably over croded. With the use of plenty of muscle and industry things were made fairly presentable.

When things were all settled and the boys had gotten used to sleeping in the open tents, they enjoyed it. They were in small groups and got along fine together.

About three weeks ago the first lumber for the barracks arived. Rumors soon spread concerning the size of the barrack and how many men they would hold.

The first building put up was the garage with camp labor. Then came the supply house. This was put up by skilled workers. The mess hall followed shortly after.

Then work was started on the barracks. Officers quarters were put up and work started on the recreation hall and infirmary.

Friday afternoon, after work the movement into the barracks began and ended. Forty men were ordered into each barracks with a leader and assistant leader in charge of each group.

The barracks now one scene of confusion but in a little while things will be straightened and everything will be O.K. once more.

The recreation hall has not been completed as yet, but we hope it is completed and ready for a company dance before Christmas.

All those who missed the parade Thurs. made up for it Sat on the Clean Up crew.

SPACE FILLERS

Most of the boys would be very grate ful if the manager of the Garden Theatre would keep his cats locked up. Durong the death struggle between a lion and tiger in the film, Devil Tiger, one of the cats brushed against one of the boys and it took the combined efforts of seven men to revive him.

If the weather we had Friday night continues any longer, the assistant editor is liable to packup and go to Fla. for the winter.

During the Fire Parade Gunnells previous training showed up. He dropped his flag and started pushing it down the center of the street.

FIRE PARADE

Owing to Gov. Scholtz's proclamation last week was designated as fire prevention week and was celebrated throughout the state.

C.C.C. companies paraded in the principle cities of the state along with local fire brigades.

Co. 1421 was excused from work early Thursday and drilled for several hours. At 2:30 the parade was started led by the Sarasota High School band and part of the municiple fire apparatus.

Co 1421 put on a great show with several attractively decorated floats. The floats showed the damage done by fires.

A column of men dressed in O.D. uniforms commanded by Lt. McKay made an eye filling site, while after them other men dressed in fatigues carried the fire fighting tools and gave an idea of what had to be done.

The time of marxh ended at Five Point where several prominet Sarasota people spoke.

RATTLE SNAKES

On arrival at this camp Nov. 2 last a small Rattle Snake was killed snooping around in one of the enrollees tent. Since that time seventeen of them have been found.

The honorable Frisky Powell has caught several, and at the present time he has two live ones in his posession.

The survey crew took the lead in getting the most snakes. They also hold the record for killing the largest Rattler which measured a bit over seven feet long and it had seventeen rattles.

The other snakes have not been as large, but not much smaller. Tanning the hides has become the hobby of many of the proud owners. Homes of these boys will be the proud possession of some nice snake hides.

A king snake was captured and brought to camp for a fight with one of the Rattlers. A pen was constructed and boys gathered around to see a real snake fight.

The rattler was put into the pen first, then came the King snake. The Rattler came too close to his rival and received quite a blow back of his head which stunned him for a few seconds.

The King snake retired into his corner and after a few seconds the Rattler went into one corner and stayed there. Tjat was the end of the fight. King snake the winner by a decision.

FORESTERS

Mr. Oldhan and Mr. Chapman returned to our camp the first of this week. The boys were very glad to welcome the old boss men, from Penny Farms.

Mr. Oldham was transferred to East Port C.C.C. camp, and Mr. Chapman to the Ocala camp; when our Penny Farms Camp disbanded.

TRIPS HOME

Seventeen of the enrollees spent the week end in their home.

Palm Beach and Miami, boys left Friday Nov. 30.

Trouble came early, scarcely ten mile from camp. A blow out caused over an hour delay and more time was lost in Arcadia. Just outside of Arcadia motor trouble stopped them again. Nothing undaunted however they continued the journey at the roaring speed of 15 miles an hour. After giving up hope of ever getting out of the Glades Okeechobee was sighted and a few of the adventurous crew were [illegible]. Fort Pierce was reached at 10:30. Then a side jaunt to Winter Beach took three [illegible] of our time. Then we were ready to continue the trip to Miami. Loaded down with furniture, flowers and boys the party reached Palm Beach at 3:45 and Miami at 6:00. Being on the road fifteen and three quarter hour for a journey of 290 miles. This was an endurance record which stood only until the journey back which lasted sixteen and one half hours. Leaving Miami at 1:30 the truck reached camp at 6:00. Just in time to eat breakfast and go out and do a good days work.

The boys from Jacksonville were quite unlucky also. After a successful trip going their trouble began on the way back to camp. Forty miles North of Tampa car trouble forced the boys to rely on their ability to hitch-hike. They arrived in camp a day late and there appeared quite a few of them working K.P. Saturday.

The Lakeland and Tampa boys went home and enjoyed a lovely visit with their people.

All are back in camp happy as ever with pleasant memories of their homes.

CHRISTMAS HOLLIDAYS

Five days will be given for New Years and Christmas Hollidays, which is not far off.

CAMP CHATTER CONT.

Intelligent Conversation

Roney Willis found a small snake the other day and gave it to Mr. Cook with Mr. Oldham standing near by.

Roney asked: "What kind of snake is this?"

Mr. Oldham thinking he asked what time it was replied; "Twenty minutes after ten."

Roney under the impression that he said "are you going after ten," replied; "No, trees."

We wonder why Maximo likes to hang around Seffner. Must be some attraction.

After an extended stay in "Minorcan" town Marcey Lang does no seem quite himself.

Unless Rice does something about these overweight letters his credit will probably be stopped as he only receives $5.00 per month.

It seems as if the "Frog" and the Mrs. are going from bad to worse after having been 2 days A.W.O.L. he receives a little letter of about 3 pages the next day.

We hear that Quesada has up quite a case in Sarasota. Nasty Man.

MORE CHATTER

We wonder if a certain some one thot to take the baby a rattler.

We hope the Mrs. "Big Six" King does not learn that "Sweet Voice" is triffling with her affections.

Colonel Holmberg, the well known duck hunter was at a disadvantage duringthe parade Thrs. His position at the head of the column made him the focus of all eyes. How he must have suffered when those long ducks were tossed away.

Jack Wertz was married recently -- She couldn't take those cold nights!!

If all the boys with girls in Sarasota buy them Christmas presents this year the dime store will do a fine business in a few weeks.

We would hate for Lt. McKay to go out for ducks for a duck dinner as he would probably bring back wood.

Who were those two boys who made dat in Sarasota with a girl and a dog.

Since Lt. Davenport has put in a stock of "twofers" his cigarettes have gone in the red.

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During the last month we have been at a disadvantage as regards our sports program. We have been hampered by the lack of equipment and space to work out in. As soon as the tents are removed we will have plenty of space for atheletics.

We have two more football games tentavily scheduled and football practice will be resumed soon. We are placed in the Southern basket vall league with the camps at Sebring and Sulphur Springs. We will play league games every other week. We will also schedule independent games with fast teams. We have plenty of good material and prospects are bright for a fast team this season.

A ring will be set up shortly for boxing and wrestling. We have many boys who are interested in these sports and they will get a chance to prove what they can do.

Diamond ball being the major sport in this section we will also arrange for games with sarasota and Tempa teams. There are many boys in camp who have played the game at their home towns and will be glad to play again.

T Tennis being quite popular among the boys a court will be laid out. If the caliber of play merits it, matches will be arranged with local teams.

SPORTS FORECAST

Now that we are in barracks, and divid into groups of about equal stength, we shou organize teams to play in a barracks league Other camps in the state have arranged and carried out a program similar to this, and there is no reason we can not do the sam If this idea merits any consideration a man from each barracks can be deldgated to meet to arrange for such a league.

Jack Wertz whose defensive work at conte was a considerable help to the team during the earlier part of the season will be greatly missed when our last two games roll around. Jack received his discharge last Saturday and left for his home in Lake Worth.

Bob May who has been having quite a bit of bad luck with his knee during our last few scrimmages will problaly be able to play. His playing should be a great factor in deciding the outcome of the games.

Ben Richardson who has been in the hospital for several weeks will not be able to play any more football this season but will get into several basket ball games in the season. He was considered a fine center n Fort Pierce High School.

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Basketball practice will start soon and if the boys will come out and practice a good fast team will be the result.

American Legionaires of Sarasota have extended an invitation to every member of the camp to attend the boxing bouts a week from next Monday night (the seventeenth). The legionaires always put on a good program and a real treat is in store.

Also anyone wishing a chance to get a few fights in town will be given every opportunity to make good. This invitation was made possible through the efforts of Allen H. Clark and Milton Thomas.

Any one who wishes to get anything to read please see Beans Smith. He has plenty of magazines at educational headquarters.

More Chatter

As the fog is heavy early in the morning Lt. Matthews now spends the night in town.

What does Chicken have? Oh, well it slays him.

Millionaires for a day!

Some of the boys who had fillings put in their teeth wish to apoligize to the cooks for a mistake they made. They accused them of putting rocks in the beans but found out that it was only the fillings out of their teeth.

Maybe "Ice Cream Cone" will come out of hiding as the C.C.C.'S have completed their work on the buildings.

We want to appoint Paul the official cook. His cakes are delicious.

Wanted: a reliable person to transl to french.

We offer our sympathies to Mr. Chapman. The snakes are bad but Tracy and Glisson are worse.

Why does a certain girl always write in green.

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